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New Grand Jury in Walker Case To Investigate Size of Spying Ring

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 — A new Federal grand jury in Virginia will investigate to determine whether John A. Walker Jr. hid hundreds of thousands of dollars in espionage payments and whether others who have not been charged were involved in his Soviet spy ring, Federal law-enforcement officials said today.

A lawyer for Pamela K. Carroll, a Virginian who was romantically linked to Mr. Walker, said his client and at least two other women had been subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury in Norfolk.

The lawyer, James R. McKenry, said the grand jury had instructed Ms. Carroll to "bring certain records in regard to trips that she may have made" in connection with Mr. Walker, a Navy veteran who was sentenced to life in prison for spying for the Soviet Union.

The lawyer and another person close to the investigation said they understood that one of Mr. Walker's former business associates was a target of the grand jury's inquiry and might be indicted. Mr. McKenry said that Ms. Carroll had not been identified as a target.

'She Is Not a Target'

A lawyer for Laurie Robinson, who worked with Mr. Walker at his Virginia private detective agency, said in answer to a reporter's question that Ms. Robinson had been subpoenaed to testify before the grand jury. But "she is not a target," said the lawyer, John Hooker. "At this stage, I do not know who the target is, or what they're searching for. They must have somebody in mind."

Mr. Hooker said the subpoena was served on Ms. Robinson last week.

Mr. Walker confessed last year that he had formed a family spy ring that provided the Soviet Union with some of the American military's most precious communications secrets. Three other Navy veterans — Mr. Walker's son, a brother and a close friend — have also been sentenced to prison for their parts in the espionage operation.

'Still a Few Loose Ends'

Prosecutors have said that Mr. Walker and his partners may have received more than \$1 million from the Soviet Union in his spying career and that most of the money has not been accounted for.

Federal officials said the grand jury in Virginia, where Mr. Walker lived, would try to determine whether he hid much of the money in the hope of reclaiming it should he be paroled.

"There are still a few loose ends," said Breckinridge L. Willcox 3d, the United States Attorney in Baltimore, who prosecuted Mr. Walker.

Although Mr. Willcox would not comment on the new grand jury investigation, which he is not directing, he acknowledged that the Justice Department was continuing to study Mr. Walker's finances.

"One question is what happened to the million dollars?" he said. "Obviously the identifiable assets that we can find, at least on the part of John Walker, are a small fraction of that."

Mr. Willcox said investigators were also concerned that others who have not been charged were involved in the spy ring. "I don't think that we have completely resolved a number of the aspects of the Walker matter, that among them," he said.

In a related development, Mr. Walker's defense lawyer, Fred Warren Bennett, said his client had been transferred to a Federal prison medical center in Springfield, Mo., after he reportedly received death threats at a Federal prison in Lewisburg, Pa.

Mr. Bennett said Mr. Walker, who has diabetes, had been moved to Springfield because of "medical problems and potential depression — I think he's considered to be potentially a suicide threat."

Mr. Walker and his son, Michael L. Walker, were sentenced last November. Under a plea agreement, Michael Walker, a former seaman, received a 25-year prison sentence.

Deception Found in Questioning

The plea bargain nearly fell apart when lie-detector, or polygraph, examinations abridged John Walker was

being deceptive.

According to law-enforcement officials, Mr. Walker appeared to be lying about the origins of the ring and the involvement of his brother Arthur, a retired Navy lieutenant commander who also was sentenced to life in prison. The officials said they believed Arthur Walker's involvement was more extensive than his brother had contended.

Mr. Bennett said final polygraph tests given to Mr. Walker before his sentencing showed that he had been truthful when questioned about the amount of information provided to the Soviet Union in his spying. But the tests, he said, "still showed deception in the area of when it began."

Also sentenced to life in prison was Jerry A. Whitworth, a retired Navy petty officer who was a close friend of Mr. Walker's.